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# EIKs Round-Up

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**Exalted  
Ruler**

**Ted  
Figueroa**

Dear Fellow Elks,

As we move into November, I hope this finds you all well. First off, the roof has been completed and final payment has been sent. I want to commend Lala once again on an outstanding job overseeing this project and dealing with the roofing company. He helped secure the contract and has been the point man on this from the start. Through donations from several members, all of the seats in the lounge

have been fixed. The rollers have all been replaced and I want to thank Roy for the time he spent on the project. It was no small task.

The lodge will continue to open at 4:00 p.m. The owner of the ATM has removed it because he was not making any money. The only way the bartender can give out cash is if you write a check. Otherwise, please bring cash with you if you need to purchase anything with it.

Maureen Zumwalt, committee chair for the Red Ribbon Committee, did an excellent job on coordinating with KISD. The event was a success and I can't thank her enough for all of the hours she put in. Thank you to all the members of the committee who also helped and the members who showed up

to the assembly to represent our lodge. A special shout out to Al Lewis who did an amazing job as the motivational speaker, as always, he delivers with enthusiasm. Maureen will need help with the awards dinner for the kids who won the essay and door contests as well. Please reach out to her to volunteer.

The House Committee also did an outstanding job on the Haunted House and I want to thank all who volunteered to make it a success.

Finally, I encourage all to attend our meetings and stay involved and contribute to the success of our organization. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally yours,  
Ted Figueroa / ER



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**Attention Members—**

**October dues are now past due!**

**All delinquent members from April 2025 will be dropped in November unless dues are paid. Please contact Lodge Secretary as soon as possible.**

## LODGE MEETINGS SCHEDULES

### LODGE MEETINGS

**1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.**

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

**2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM.**

### PER ASSOCIATION

**Quarterly on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 PM.  
January, April, July, and October.**

***ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND***

## LOUNGE HOURS

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>4 - 9 PM</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>4 - 9 PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>4 - 9 PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>4 - 9 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>4 - 9 PM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>4 - 9 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4 - 9 PM</b>

## 2024/2025 Officers

Exalted Ruler.....	Ted Figueroa
Leading Knight.....	Jessie Battle
Loyal Knight.....	David Florez
Lecturing Knight.....	Jacqueline Schwartz
Secretary.....	Idotha Battle
Treasurer.....	Elizabeth Garza
Tiler.....	Thomas Morgan
Esquire.....	Al Lewis
Chaplain.....	John Zumwalt
Inner Guard.....	Zola Johnson
Presiding Justice.....	Nathan Fugate

## Board of Directors

Exalted Ruler.....	Ted Figueroa
Leading Knight.....	Jessie Battle
Loyal Knight.....	David Florez
Lecturing Knight.....	Jacqueline Schwartz
5 Year Trustee.....	J. Dean Craig
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3 Year Trustee.....	Kirstie Lomas
2 Year Trustee.....	Jessica "Red" Myers
1 Year Trustee.....	Sara Robertson

Have an announcement,  
picture, article, etc.?  
Submit by the 20th to  
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## COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention	J Dean Craig, PER
Americanism	Sam Fugate, PER
Auditing	Ted Figueroa
Bulletin	Vacant
Cyber Assistant	Tony Deel
Drug Awareness	Maureen Zumwalt
ENF	Vacant
Flag Day	Rolando Garza
Hoop Shoot	Ken Moses, PDDGER
House Committee	Jessica "Red" Myers
Membership	Jessie Battle
Memorial Service	Krystal Peterson
PER Association	Sara Robertson, PER
Public Relations	Vacant
Veteran Services	Frank Evans
Youth Activities	Ken Moses, PDDGER

## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please keep your fellow Elks and Elk Family in your thoughts and prayers:

**Kevin Clarke**

**Chuck Ellis**

**Carlton Steen**

Condolences to the families and friends  
of our departed members:

**Gary Rankin**

If you know or hear of an Elk or family member  
who is ill or has passed away, please leave a note  
with the Lodge Attendant or email  
[bpoel1926bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:bpoel1926bulletin@gmail.com).



**11 02 Chuck Schultz**  
**11 04 David Ivy**  
**11 05 Mark Harper**  
**11 07 Jonas Quintanilla**  
**11 07 Nilda Salinas**  
**11 10 Scott Irby**  
**11 12 Matthew Brackeen**  
**11 16 Tony Alcala**  
**11 16 Donald Hubert**  
**11 18 Jessie Battle Jr**  
**11 20 Idotha Battle**  
**11 21 Kira Talip Sanchez**  
**11 23 Forrest Lanmon**  
**11 28 David Florez**



**11 11 Joe & Cindy Flores**



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## Members should honor, support veterans this month

The Order of the Elks has designated November as Veterans Remembrance Month. Every Elk should know our solemn pledge of "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Veterans are our heroes! Please find a way to honor veterans in your Lodge and in your community. Some ways to say you care would be by hosting a veterans dinner at your Local Lodge, distributing care packages, and attending local events that coincide with your community's recognition of veterans.

Our organization led the way in 1917 to fund and later establish the first veterans' hospital. Currently, we have more than 700 Elks assigned to more than 400 VA Medical Centers, State Veterans Homes, clinics, and housing facilities across the country.

Our volunteers visit these facilities 2.5 times per month on average and provide entertainment such as bingo, art classes, and dinners. They also donate hygiene items and clothing, each making sure that the veterans are a priority.

The Order is committed to ending veterans homelessness. One way is by supplying Welcome Home Kits to newly housed veterans. This past year there were 4,252 kits distributed. The kits could include a bed, dishes, small furniture, and appli-



### Message from the

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Bryan R  
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ances like a microwave and coffee maker.

Another way is our partnership with VA social workers, who provided us with the names of 558 veterans who needed emergency financial assistance to become or re-

main housed. The average amount of assistance was \$1,659.

As a follow-up to last month, make sure your local schools received information for the Americanism Essay Contest. Essays should be submitted for judging by December 15.

November also marks the need for us to be active citizens by voting in the election. Election Day is always held on the first Tuesday of November.

In closing, Sue and I wish you and your family a bountiful and relaxing Thanksgiving, always keeping in mind that you can Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."



## Living up to our 1946 pledge gives us plenty to report

"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

The year 1946 marked the beginning of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, which solidified a formal commitment to serving our veterans. As Elks, we know that November is designated as Veterans Remembrance Month. During this month, our Lodges will be performing many charitable deeds to honor our heroes, and this will provide us with the opportunity to have so much to be included in our charity reporting.

Please be sure that we are reporting properly on all this magnificent work including dinners, cookouts, bingos, and special events honoring our veterans. We also need to report on clothing and other types of collection drives where these items are then donated to our veterans.

Please keep in mind that the cost of the dinners provided and the cash value of all items collected should be reported under the non-cash column.

The only time that there should be entries made under the cash column is when an actual cash donation is made to a veterans facility or group.

Let us be cognizant of all the miles and volunteer hours that are associated with all these activities that are taking place. Those who are responsible for running each event should be tracking all this information and filling out a charity report as soon as possible after the event and filing it with the Lodge Secretary.

Those in the State Association who also hold events for our veterans should also fill out a report and file it with your State Secretary. We should all be immensely proud to Be The Difference as we continue to be true to our pledge.

Please follow up all this volunteerism with timely and accurate reporting!

Let's work together to reach our goal of \$600 million in charitable reporting!

While performing our best work as Elks, let us be reminded of the other aspect of the Government Relations Committee, which is building a strong rapport with our community leaders and state legislators.

We should be inviting them to all these special events being held in our Lodges. During their visits to our Lodges, take this opportunity to share with them everything that our Members are doing for our veterans and the communities around us!

It is vital that we continue to build strong relationships with our local and state lawmakers so that they have a better understanding of the importance of our status as a 501(c)(8) fraternal organization.

# Elks Care – Elks Share

## DAC has much to be thankful for this year

We have much to be thankful for this November. As the National Director of the Elks Drug Awareness Commission, I am thankful for the many hardworking Elks who have donated thousands of hours toward educating our youth and strengthening our communities.

As the largest all-volunteer substance abuse and educational program in the nation, I must thank you all for the wonderful work you have done.

November is a busy month for us. The American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout is the third Thursday in November. The annual event is an opportunity for people to join others in quitting their tobacco habits—including cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and now vaping—for more than 40 years. While tobacco is a legal substance, the DAP continues to educate children of the potential dangers caused from smoking. November is also the time that Lodges are wrapping up their nominations for the prestigious Enrique S. Camarena Award. This award honoring individuals in law enforcement is the top

award given every year. It recognizes that one person can make a difference.

If you have an idea that you would like to propose for your Lodge to help educate youth in recognizing the dangers presented by illicit drug use, please reach out to your State Drug Awareness Chair.

Again, I wish I could reach out to each and every one of you and thank you for what we have done and what we will do.

The great news is that usage among our young adults has decreased. I cannot help but believe in some small way the Elks Drug Awareness Commission has played a role. Thank you all and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

